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Remarks

Claims 1-19 were pending. Claims 1-19 were subject to restriction. By the foregoing amendment, claims 16-18 are canceled, claims 11-13 are amended, and claims 20-23 are added. No new matter is presented.

Restriction

Restriction was required as follows:

- I. Claims 1-6 (now 1-6, 8-13, and 20-23), drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 122, subclass 379.
- II. Claims 7-14 (now 7 and 14), drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 73, subclass 100+
- III. Claims 15-19 (now 15 and 19), drawn to a method, classified in class 134, subclass 17.

Applicants elect Group I with traverse. Traverse is on the grounds that examination of all the claims would not present an undue burden. Although separately classified, the search classes of the three groups are expected to largely, if not completely, overlap. Accordingly, if the restriction requirement is withdrawn, claims 1-15 and 19-23 will be examined. If not withdrawn, claims 1-6, 8-13, and 20-23 will be examined.

As noted in the allocations above, the foregoing amendment alters various claim dependencies to augment the elected group. Additionally, new claims 20 and 22 identify relative port locations of FIG. 7. New claim 22 identifies the clamp (e.g., of paragraph 0035). New claim 23 identifies probe body positioning of paragraph 0031 (second sentence).

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Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 1-15 and 19-23 are in condition for allowance. Please charge any fees or deficiency or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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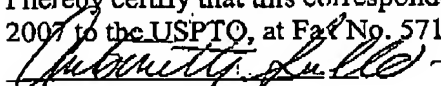
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